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1. SUMMARY. UNIQUE "TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION" AND WARM COMMUNIQUE CLIMAXED STRONG EFFORT BY CEAUSESCU AND KIM IL-SUNG TO DEMONSTRATE "MILITANT SOLIDARITY" BETWEEN THEIR TWO BRANDS OF INDEPENDENT COMMUNISM DURING THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER'S VISIT MAY 22-26. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TREATY (TEXT RELEASED MAY 28 IN SCINTEIA) RESEMBELS NOW-FAMILIAR ROMANIAN JOINT POLITICAL DECLARATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED STATES MORE THAN GOR'S MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PACTS WITH USSR (1970) AND EE CLIENTS. TREATY INCLUDES EXTENDED RECITATION OF "STATE CONDUCT" PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND NON-INTERVENTION, OMITTS ANY REFERENCE TO "WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM" (STAPLE OF EE TREATIES), AND URGES "UNITY" WITH "ALL" SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (CHINA IMPLICITLY INCLUDED) AND OTHER, MOSTLY "PROGRESSIVE" FORCES INCLUDE "NON-ALIGNED". OMITTED ALSO IS ADJECTIVE "COLLECTIVE" IN RIGHT-TO-SELF-DEFENSE PHRASE (A WARSAW PACT ALLUSION), WHICH HERETOFORE WAS INCLUDED IN GOR TREATIES.

3. TREATY'S CHIEF SINGULARITY LIES IN BEING (1) FIRST "TREATY" OF ITS PARTICULAR KIND BETWEEN "SOCIALIST" REGIMES AND (2) A FORMAL POLITICAL BRIDGE BETWEEN A EUROPEAN AND AN ASIAN CP (CEAUSESCU AND KIM IL-SUNG SIGNED AS PARTY, NOT STATE, LEADERS). AT MAY 26 CEREMONY KIM SPECIFICALLY REMARKED ON "PRECEDENT" SET BY CONCLUDING SUCH A DOCUMENT BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ON "ENTIRELY DISTINCT SIGNIFICANCE" WHICH LAY IN UNDERLYING THE INDEPENDENCE BOTH CP'S ESPOUSE.

4. KIM IL-SUNG APPARENTLY LEFT ABOUT WHERE HE CAME IN ON KOREAN UNIFICATION ISSUE. HE USED MAY 24 SPEECH TO DENOUNCE "SLANDERERS" WHO CLAIM NK IS PREPARING "INVASION OF SOUTH" AND ASSERTED, LESS AMBIGUOUSLY THAN IN INITIAL TOAST (REFTEL), THAT NK'S POSITION WAS UNCHANGED. COMMUNIQUE REITERATED GOR'S SUPPORT FOR KIM IL-SUNG'S FIVE POINTS AND, LIKE TREATY, FOR "PEACEFUL, INDEPENDENT UNIFICATION" OF KOREA. U.S. NOT MENTIONED DIRECTLY. SINCE CEAUSESCU, IN MAY 24 REMARKS, DEVOTED ONLY SINGLE CIRCUMSPECT SENTENCE TO GOR'S "ACTIVE SUPPORT" FOR NK'S "CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES" AND "JUST POLICIES", HE PRESUMABLY WAS FOUR SQUARE AGAINST ANY MILITARY ADVENTURES IN PRIVATE. (TREATY'S INJUNCTION AGAINST "EFFORTS OF

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IMPERIALISM TO DISMEMBER ANY STATE" AND SUBJUGATE OR DOMINATE OTHER PEOPLES, WHILE KOREA-RELATED, ALSO WILL HAVE MUTED RESONANCE FOR MANY ROMANIANS REGARDING BESSARABIA AND USSR).

5. DURING VISIT KIM IL-SUNG REPORTEDLY UNDERWENT TREATMENT AT ANA ASLAN'S SNAGOV CLINIC FOR LARGE GROWTH ON NECK WHICH, ACCORDING TO UK AMBASSADOR WHO LAST SERVED IN SEOUL, IS NON-

MALIGNANT AND LONGSTANDING FEATURE. MEANWHILE, POLISH DCM SAYS NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ARRANGE VISIT TO BULGARIA TO "BALANCE THINGS OFF" (SPECULATION ABOUT A MOSCOW STOPOVER HAS DIED OUT) BUT HAD NO FIRM IDEA OF WHAT STICKING POINT MAY HAVE BEEN.

6. COMMENT: ESPECIALLY SINCE CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO NORTH KOREA IN 1971, INTRIBUTING PARALLELS BETWEEN NK AND ROMANIA HAVE BEEN EVIDENT. STRIVING FOR AUTONOMY IN SHADOW OF GREAT COMMUNIST POWER, ROUGH NEUTRALITY IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, CULT OF PERSONALITY, TIGHT DISCIPLINE, AND AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC PACE AT HOME. WHILE NOT ONE TO COPY FOREIGN MODELS GRATUITOUSLY (AND DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, E.G. COMMUNIQUE'S MIDDLE EAST PARAGRAPH WAS ONE ANODYNE SENTENCE AND KIM TOOK MUCH STARKER ANTAGONISTIC VIEW OF WEST'S CRISIS), CEAUSESCU SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ATTRACTED WITH MUCH IN NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCE. GOR-NK "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" HAS NOW BEEN DRAMATIZED MORE FORMALLY IN WAY SOVIETS CAN HARDLY BE COMFORTABLE WITH BUT LACK MEANS TO DO MUCH ABOUT. VIETS

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